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of the Matterhorn:



Below Smoking into Alesund harbor: Below

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Bethel folks belly up big for bivalve bouillabaisse

Brainards and Ubers lifeboated off burning Norwegian cruise ship

By MICHAEL DANIELS

David and Edie Brainard of Greenwood, and Bill and Nancy Uber of Woodstock are seasoned shipmates. Together the two couples have cruised off Alaska, as well as on the Rhine, Main, Danube and Amazon rivers.

Late last Wednesday afternoon, they set out on their latest voyage, a planned 1,500-mile cruise along the Norwegian coast, from the port of Bergen, in the south, to Kirkenes, high above the Arctic Circle, near Norway's border with Russia.

Their ship was the Hurtigruten Line's MS Nordlys, a 450-foot combination cruise ship and working coastal ferry/transport. But this trip did not go as planned. The cruise ended less than 24 hours from homeport, with the Brainards and Ubers among more than 100 passengers who reached land, under hard rain, by lifeboat.

The trip had begun uneventfully. "We boarded the ship

about 5 in the afternoon, had dinner on board, started to unpack, then went to sleep," David Brainard said.

The Nordlys then set out on the first leg of the cruise - 230 overnight miles to the art nouveau port town of Alesund.

About 9:30 the next morning, after breakfast, Dave Brainard was walking the boat deck. "That's the easiest deck to walk," he said, "and I noticed heavy black smoke coming out of the stack. I said: 'Wow! That's a dirty

diesel.'" Meanwhile belowdecks, fire and smoke alarms had begun to go off, Bill Uber said, triggered by a fire that had started in the ship's engine room.

Topside, Brainard said, "Within five to ten minutes the smoke was so heavy, it was impossible to stay on the starboard [lee] side of the boat. So I went forward and went over to the port side, and they were beginning the evac-

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Debby Weber, of the Route 2 Diner in Rumford Center, tops off a cuppa chowder for Victoria Wollen-Danner of Bethel. Hungry chowder fans socialized in long coils of line, as they waited at Saturday's HarvestFest on the Bethel common. Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, said this year's turnout was the largest she has seen for the 14-year-old event. She credited lovely weather and the festivals growing popularity.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Las Vegas operator to manage Black Bear casino here

By TONY REAVES, Sun Media Group

Black Bear Development announced Tuesday that it has hired a Las Vegas casino to run the day-to-day operations, restaurants and security at its casino being built on Route 26.

Silverton Casino of Las Vegas will be the gaming operator at Oxford and be involved in hiring the executives and managers for the gambling enterprise, which is scheduled to open next spring. "Silverton is going to be leading the search for the general management and the chief financial officers," Scott Smith, community de-

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Rail ralliers stoking the boiler

By ALISON ALOISIO

Participants at last week's Rail Rally in Bethel came away with plans to make tracks to regional town offices, businesses, Augusta and other destinations to plead their case for restoring passenger rail service.

About 70 people turned out for the Bethel Inn planning session. Participants included representatives from local and regional government, Congressional delegations, economic development organizations and other groups.

The gathering followed the recent completion of a feasibility study on extending rail service from Portland to Montreal. The study projected an annual ridership between Portland and Bethel, beginning in 2020, of between 66,000 and 71,000 people. The Montreal projection was about 200,000.

The service would require track upgrades and other improvements, at an estimated cost of about \$900 million to go to Montreal. Annual operating costs between Portland and Bethel, which would require state and federal subsidies, is estimated at between \$7.8 and \$10.4 million.

Working groups at the rally focused on a variety of topics, including funding, economic development and developing passenger demand and political will.

State Sen. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston), reporting on funding at the wrap-up session, urged organizers to con-

tact selectmen in towns all along the route for letters of support for the project. In addition, she said, "I don't know if the governor is in favor of rail, but he has been holding back on bonds. We should contact him. Economic development is bipartisan."

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, noted that Gov. Paul LePage plans to hold job creation conferences around the state, and rail-related economic development should be part of those discussions.

Other ideas from the groups included identifying key individuals to advocate for rail, promoting rail as a means to conduct business between the

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Saturday guitar concert to benefit AES

Pete Coolidge of Andover describes his guitar-playing style as a cross among Dave Mallett, John Denver and Allison Krauss.

His style was shaped over decades by both local and na-

tionally-known musicians.

On Sept. 24 Pete will put his picking to work to benefit the Hungry Kingdom and Save Our School projects in his home town.

Early years

"The earliest I remember playing guitar," said Pete, "is when I was 7, sitting between Mom and Dad in their bedroom playing one-finger chords, while they played and sang their favorite country western songs of the 50s and 60s."

"They both were very musical and helped shape my musical awareness greatly. I remember listening to Chet Atkins' 'Blue Echo' over and

over, never tiring of how beautiful that sounded. I still play it now and again.

"When I was around 13, my sister Sharon met her future husband, Bob Hutchins, who was a great player, and he influenced me with the powerful guitar music of the 60s he played. What a time I had 'jamming' with Bob."

"As I grew my guitar styles changed with the times, as most kids' do, playing the rock songs of the late 60's and early 70's, never really defining a style.

"In 1977 I was fresh out of the military, and started playing music with Bill and Steve Simmons.

"They were playing the country rock/folk songs of that era, and I immediately fell in love with that genre.

"I have always credited Bill Simmons for helping me de-

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Recovered from 2009 accident, local climber returns to Matterhorn

By ALISON ALOISIO

After a rock-climbing fall in Bethel two years ago that shattered his foot and nearly took his life, Roger Beaudoin recently celebrated his recovery by climbing the Matterhorn.

An obsession

For more than 20 years, the famous Swiss peak has figured prominently in Beaudoin's life. In 1988 Beaudoin, a native of Holyoke, Mass., was living in Milan, Italy. A dedicated skier, he took a summer train trip to Zermatt, Switzerland, where skiing is a year-round sport.

Zermatt is also home to the Matterhorn.

"I'd heard of the mountain, but I didn't know that I'd know it if I saw it in a picture," he said.

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Letters

QUILT RAFFLE WINNER, THANKS

To the Editor:

The winner of the Bethel Library Quilt Raffle was Becky Kendall of Bethel. Hannah Pierce of Newry drew the winning ticket.

We wish to thank the Cross Country Quilters for making and donating the beautiful quilt.

Our thanks to all the people who supported the Bethel Library by buying tickets. Also, thank you to the following businesses for selling tickets: Books-N-Things, Bonnema Pottery, Pat's Pizza, Pooh Corner Farm, The Riverview and Mountain Greenery.

Caroline V. Gould and Lucia Schwarz
Co-Chairman Bethel Library Quilt Raffle

HARVESTFEST, COOKOFF THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Harvestfest and Chowdah Cookoff was a great success and a wonderful way to kick-off the fall season! For the second consecutive year, Frito Lay was the Presenting Sponsor of the event. As a company, they are very supportive of local farmers and thus, have a great working relationship with our local potato farm, Sunday River Farms - owners Dave and Patti McCrum. Lay's provided the festival with samples of their chips and Sunday River Farms provided us with freshly harvested Maine potatoes for the baked potato booth!

Allen's Coffee Brandy, a popular brand of their parent company, MS Walker, sponsored both the "End of summer, Bethel Harvestfest kick-off party" held at Rooster's Roadhouse on Friday evening - as well as the music on Saturday, organized and emceed by the beautiful Jewel Clark. Oxford Networks had a lovely presence at the festival and sponsored our horse-drawn wagon rides. Mahosuc Realty also had a presence on the Common and sponsored Steve Stone's chainsaw carving demonstration. Pepsi Beverages Company was the tent sponsor, and Stephens Memorial Hospital was a supporting sponsor. The Chowdah Cookoff is a huge draw for the festival and it was co-sponsored by Sysco Foodservices of Northern New England and Oakhurst Dairy. Oakie the Oakhurst Acorn had a terrific time dancing around the common with the children and they provided samples of their delicious chocolate milk and lemonade. Sponsor Cabot Cheese, another company supportive of local farmers, supplied samples of several kinds of cheese and Dunkin' Donuts supplied coffee, muffins, donuts and donut holes to the festival goers. Apple Pies are also extremely popular and that part of the event is sponsored by Good Food Store. Many thanks to all of these businesses for their part in making the festival a success!

Twelve restaurants were present to provide samples of their award winning chowders. Congratulations to the following who were chosen as winners: Judge's choice: First-Sudbury Inn, Second-Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar, Third - Rooster's Roadhouse and Honorable Mention - Barking Dawg Market. People's Choice: First - Sudbury Inn, Second - Bull Moose Restaurant, Honorable Mention - Good Food Store. All the chowders were delicious and the chamber would like to thank the twelve participants: 22 Broad Street at the Gideon Hastings House, Barking Dawg Market, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar, Bull Moose Restaurant, Funky Red Barn, Good Food Store, Mill Hill Inn, The Phoenix House and Well, Rooster's Roadhouse, Route 2 Diner, The Sudbury Inn, and the Sunday River Brewing Co.

The Apple Pie contest attracted twelve pies. Congratulations to Deb Luxton, the amateur non-traditional pie champion; Fred Cosaglia, the amateur traditional pie champion and Beverly Sylvester, from the Sudbury Inn, the professional pie champion. Many thanks to: Darlene Baker, Beth Kramer, Freda Davis, Lee Hughes (Mill Hill Inn), Eric Hall (Route 2 Diner), Sadie Sirols, and Brianna Douglas (Funky Red Barn). Many thanks to Judges: Argy Nestor, Pat Irons and Cecile Simmons, and to Wende Gray for arranging for them!

The volunteer "force" at this event was amazing - and they all seemed to be having fun doing their various jobs! Many thanks to the following: Dave Freiday, Bob & Joan Westfall, Hiram Towle, Steve, Ben & Fran Etheridge, Shannan Theilbar, Doug and Matt Zinchuk, Rene McGrew, Jim Mann, Jonathan Goldberg, Karen Saito, Steve Wight, Lynn Saxton, Scott Mills, Sarah Hemeon, Read Dickinson, Susan Isham, Angie Carroll, Bill White, Bruce Powell, Dan Hart, Michele Perejda, Gabrielle Stone, Bob & Barb Dion, John Holliday, Deb Hunt, Amy Marshall, Lynn Wilson, Paula & Dillon Gillies, Pat Thurston, Bill Strauss, Mike Steven, Freda Davis, Lynn Kulik, Rosemary Laban, Mary McVey, Lloyd Sweetser, Ellie Andrews, Mary Stryker, Colleen Files, Joyce Roma, and Al & Jackie Cressy. Thanks also to Gould Academy for the use of their tables & chairs, and to the Bethel Fire Dept. and the West Parish Congregational Church for the use of their chairs. Additional thanks to D & E Sanitation for the use of a dumpster and to Savage Portable Toilets for the portapotties.

Congratulations to Mahosuc Realty for their winning scarecrow display, showcasing the theme "Celebrating Our Rivers," and many thanks to Funky Red Barn, The Bethel Inn Resort, Maine Line Products, Brooks Bros. and Norway Savings Bank for also building harvest and scarecrow displays.

Additional thanks to Maggie Lore and Dwayne Bennett for leading the guided bike ride on Sunday and anyone else who helped with that event.

Robin Zinchuk
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

G.O.P. GERRYMANDERING A BAD SIGN FOR MAINE

To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the upcoming Special Legislative session to deal with the Congressional Reapportionment Plan. While the public has called for a moderate plan and the committee, on which I served, voted in favor of very moderate plan that moved only a small number of towns in Kennebec county impacting less than 20,000 people. The Republicans continue to say they will push to pass their radical plan to move 360,000 people or 25 percent of the population from one district to another.

They may even ignore the law requiring two-thirds of the legislature to approve the plan. That is not a good sign for Maine people.

The Republican plan moves seven counties and 139 municipalities from one district to another. It also conveniently adds approximately 10,000 Republican voters to the Second Congressional District.

Their plan is especially bad for our area. It puts Oxford and Androscoggin counties in the first Congressional District and splits Franklin County.

Since statehood, the tri-county region of Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin have shared cultural and economic bonds. We are more culturally connected to the Franco-centric communities of northern Maine than we are to our cosmopolitan neighbors in Cumberland and York counties. Putting Lewiston and Portland in the same district puts two of the largest Maine cities in competition, and ultimately puts Lewiston in Portland's shadow. Moreover, it breaks up communities that share the same interest, like the mill towns.

Four out of five Maine people that came to testify at the public hearings on the proposals rejected a radical plan. More than 5,000 Maine people signed a petition rejecting a radical plan, and more than 200 Mainers sent e-mails to the commission asking us to endorse a reasonable plan.

I hope that Oxford County residents will contact their legislators and urge adoption of the sensible plan put forward by the Reapportionment Committee.

Cathy Newell
Greenwood

QUALIFICATION FOR BETHEL VETERANS' MONUMENT

To the Editor:

Probably the most potentially contentious question to be resolved concerning the proposed Veterans Monument for Bethel is deciding who qualifies to have his/her name placed on it. In order to get this question resolved I would like to hear from all who have strong feelings on this matter so that the monument committee can consider them before making its recommendations. My own opinion is still evolving, but my present feelings follow.

Essential: (1) yet must be now deceased; (2) must have received an honorable discharge (if that can be determined by official documents such as DD Form 214), (3) must have served on federal active duty, not just non-federalized national guard or reserves.

Other qualifications: (1) Born here, or (2) buried here, or (3) schooled here, or (4) long time resident here. ("Here" is hereby defined as Bethel, Albany, Grafton or Mason). The rationale here is that other local incorporated towns are capable of funding their own monuments.

Please provide comments to: (Snail Mail: Richard Grover, 183 Kings Hwy., Mason Twp., ME 04217), or E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com, subject: Veterans Monument.

Richard Grover
Mason

Guest opinion

The two steps to prosperity

By LES OTTEN

With all due respect Washington, you don't get it, you are failing. Jobs are created by demand, not from cute incentives. Our country has fundamentally changed over the last 30 years. We are now primarily consumers where we once were primarily producers.

We are in the midst of the largest economic crisis in our country's history. The housing disaster has cost a generation of homeowners trillions and put more of us into poverty and out of work than any other event in the history of America. We have a monetary crisis, a financial crisis, a consumer confidence crisis, a full blown economic disaster. Amazingly though, we as a country have access to an almost unprecedented amount of wealth. We are not out of money.

Our country's economy has changed. It was built on middle class spending, raising living standards and educating ourselves. Americans are now too poor to buy, afraid to buy and not motivated to buy. Couple this with lagging exports, manufactured and intellectual, that would employ us and we have unprecedented unemployment and diminished revenues. No jobs, no revenue. We have only 1 percent GDP growth and government spending based on 3 to 4-percent growth. That can't work. Meanwhile corporate profits are strong, coming from increased productivity (fewer people being more productive, resulting in fewer jobs.)

The rapid growth of government programs, not matched by economic growth, has resulted in the trillions of deficit we choke on. The tax code, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid need to be dealt with immediately. And extreme caution, if interest rates rise, things will get a lot worse.

To recover we must build our way to prosperity. This requires strong and unified leadership with a bold and decisive vision.

We need to build products, services and intellectual property that we consume and sell to the world. We need the next generation of everything, literally everything. When we build, sell, invent and consume we get the jobs and economic benefit that accompany the activities with it.

The two steps to prosperity:

One: Repair what is obviously broken. Big things first. The tax code, Social Security, and health care. A fair, simplified tax code that levels the playing field will do immediate wonders. Social Security that simply recognizes that we live to 90 or 100 not 70 or 80 is fair and essential. Health care that eliminates massive bureaucracy and teaches us to be healthy will save trillions. We are not suffering from an incurable disease; we are suffering from visionless leaders, pandering politicians and bad economic policies. We know we need to fix these things. Fix them.

Two: Establish clear economic goals that get us into the business of building, inventing and making things that last for decades: building efficient products that cost less to operate, inventing solutions that we can sell to the world, investing in things that make us healthier, wealthier and wiser, is what we must do. When we build, educate and innovate we have jobs and our neighbors have jobs. When we create a better smarter work force that can innovate we build the country, we create prosperity and we create the future.

We need specific goals like: cars that get 50 mpg, built in America that finance for seven years and will last for 14 years; refrigerators that use 50-percent less power and last for 30 years. A better product that is more efficient and lasts longer is easier to finance and is then affordable. Let's produce our energy; develop American fuels that are renewable; build houses that are energy efficient that last 200 years. We need more highly motivated college graduates; high schools that graduate 100 percent of their students; lifestyles, knowledge and motivation to make us healthier. These are goals with which we can build jobs and prosperity.

We, of all people on the planet, know how to build our way to prosperity. We have done it before we can do it again. We see what needs to be done and we Americans are ready to do our part. Our country was founded on shared values and shared goals. We freed ourselves from a king, survived a Civil War, led the Industrial Revolution, defeated the Nazis, won a Cold War, walked on the moon and lead the global technological revolution. It's time to be American again and do what we do. We build, we make, and we create.

Washington. Fix what's broken immediately. Then apply leadership, vision, goals and a little guts and we will build America.

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 37

The First Years: Kristie Comes, Winter

I had my first experience fencing. B.B. used a heavy crowbar to make holes in the ground, set in post, pounded it down deep. I carried a pail of nails and transistors and doled them out for B.B. to attach to the posts. Then we strung the wire, attached it to the battery and brought out Kristie. She stepped gingerly through the gate, did not go near the wire; evidently she knew all about electric fences. We had other horses later who would listen for the click-click of the battery. If we forgot to turn it on and no sound was heard, they walked through the wire and strayed where they pleased. But never Kristie. For days we did not turn the power on at all. Fencing to some is just another spring chore. For me it is one of the most enjoyable duties. To be outside in the warm spring sunshine, walking on earth coming to life, listening to bird song, knowing that soon an animal also will be out prancing with life, all made it a special day.

Someone came along and begged B.B. to come and shoe two horses for them, so grocery money came in and my little store was left untouched. B.B. thought my "Manhattan money" a great joke. While serving in the Navy at Lido Beach, I had accumulated security. As long as the bank did not ask me to close out the account, I would leave it there. I remembered heartrending tales from my depression youth of neighbors who had been refused loans, neighbors who owned their farms, a woodlot, animals, who lived with few luxuries and expected none. They accepted it philosophically, saying that the only time a bank would loan you money was when you did not really need it. How I loved the western banks with the tellers in shirt sleeves, smoking cigarettes, and acting as though to help you was a great favor to them. No holler than thou, hush-hush, tiptoeing atmosphere there. So despite B.B.'s amused teasing, I clung to my little hoard. It was a symbol that come what may, should I have to go borrowing, I could do so insouciantly with a few coins to jingle in my pocket. We had made it through the winter.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel's own "2LW" Sarah Cramton and Felicia Dumont were first-place winners in the first annual Zong Talent Shows at the Oxford County Fair.

A new television ad by the Maine Office of Tourism was being filmed at several locations in Bethel.

CPS students collected two pick-up truckloads of emergency supplies and over \$1,000 in donations for relief efforts following the terrorist attacks.

Births: Abby Jean Harrington, Kurtis Carroll James Boutlier, Anthony Lawrence Michaud.

Deaths: William R. Stowell; Mervin M. Bresette.

20 years ago: The Crescent Park School's Grandparents Day attracted a large crowd of grandparents, relatives and special friends.

Seven Maine furniture builders were displaying their works in the James B. Owen Art Gallery at Gould Academy.

A break-in at the Upton Town Office netted the burglar 70 cents.

Birth: Heidi Kay Cox.

Deaths: Thelma Hazling, Roy S. Silver.

30 years ago: A public reception was held in honor of town manager Norm and Jean Ness who were leaving to begin a new life in Orono.

Jimmy Kimball had a sunflower in his garden with 31 blossoms on one stalk.

Birth: Samantha Gail Brooke.

Death: Lila M. Brown.

40 years ago: Dr. John J. Willard was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Cellulose, Wood and Fiber Division of the American Chemical Society.

Spec. 4 Douglas Farrar attended jump school at the Paratroop Training Center, Ft. Benning, Ga., and Advanced Paratroop Training Riggers School, Ft. Lee, Va.

Birth: Victoria Lynne Sullivan.

Death: Joseph Napoleon Pelletier.

50 years ago: The Wight farm buildings on the north side of the river in Gilead were entirely destroyed by an early morning fire.

Work had started on the bridge over the railroad and Route 2 near the junction of Church and Railroad streets.

Guy P. Butler, President of the Bethel Inn, Inc., announced that the hostelry would remain open for business for the fall and winter.

Births: Robert Everett Saunders, Gail Ann Eby.

60 years ago: Members of the Mundt-Allen Post American Legion and their families enjoyed a potluck supper at the Dexter camp, Howard Pond.

The "Windy Valley" Club held its regular meeting at Owen Wight's.

Births: Bonnie Dee Bennett, Susan Lynn Brooke.

Death: Mrs. Albert W. Judkins.

70 years ago: Miss B. Marl on Brooks was elected supervisor of music in the elementary schools of Needham, Mass.

A Home Guard was organized under the leadership of Capt. Leslie Coburn.

Good coffee was 31 cents per pound and sliced bacon was 29 cents per pound.

80 years ago: Gordon Brown of Berlin spoke at the Lions Club at Bethel Inn. His subject was "Aviation."

90 years ago: An estimated 1,500 tickets were sold at the Bear River Grange fair at Newry Corner.

Jesse Twitchell of Portland was found dead pinned under a Ford roadster on the Rumford road.

Prof. W. S. Wight gave a free concert at the Methodist Church for the purpose of organizing a singing class for old and young.

100 years ago: Three beautiful memorial windows were placed in the main audience room of the Universalist.

Work began on a million gallon reservoir on Paradise Hill.

Deaths: Walter Herrick, Roscoe Cross.

110 years ago: A Post Office was established at Swan's Corner under the name of North Bethel. C. N. Swan was postmaster.

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Rail

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the U.S. and Montreal; promoting rail as a means for Quebecois to travel to southern Maine beaches and to visit relatives; encouraging more Bethel-area business to become involved in the effort; building the effort through the Oxford County legislators; sending people to Washington, D.C. and educating the electorate on the value of rail.

Wayne Davis, a key advocate for the establishment of Downeaster service between Boston and Portland, stressed the importance of in-person contacts.

He said he had met with an Amtrak official in Washington, who told him, "You saved seven years of letter writing with face-to-face contact."

In the keynote address at the gathering, Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and Maine Department of Transportation commissioner, said rail supporters should see themselves as part of a larger, interdependent rail system rather than as competitors with other regions of Maine and other modes of transportation.

"The viability depends of demand and a strong trunk system from Boston to Portland," he said, noting that lessening travel time between those two cities would help support the effort to continue service farther north. And, he said, "it's not rail versus highway."

Nordlys

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uation."

There had not been time yet on this cruise for the usual evacuation drill.

"There's always a drill, but never to the extent of lowering boats," Brainard said. "Usually it's just an assembly on the boat deck and the assignments of boat stations to various cabin numbers."

But despite the lack of a drill, both Brainard and Uber said, there was no panic, only smooth execution by the crew of an obviously well practiced exercise.

"The whole thing was handled with very professional people and gear," Brainard said. "They handled it as well as the situation could possible be handled."

The passengers were put in what Brainard described as "not really exposure suits, but probably the latest issue of really, really good life vests."

It was then into the lifeboats — "a first for the Brainards and Ubers."

While there was no formal order, loading was generally

"women first," he said. "There weren't really any kids."

The lifeboats davits were than lowered, and the boats set off for the Alesund harbor, about a mile away.

There, too, "Brainard said, "it was all highly professional. They drove the lifeboats in, tied them up, offloaded the passengers in orderly fashion."

There they were bussed to

ple there in a few hours to issue prescriptions for medications that had been left on-board," Brainard said.

The couples stayed in Alesund for four day, then were bussed to Bergen, then flew to Amsterdam and on to Logan Airport.

Two dead
According to initial reports, the Nordlys fire began after



SCENE INSIDE A NORDLYS LIFEBOAT

(Photo: N. Uber)

the town's "designated disaster hotel," where they were fed ("way too generously"), provided with rooms and communication, and given approximately \$600 in cash and free shopping at a local department store, to purchase clothing, clean underwear and other necessities.

"And they had medical peo-

some form of explosion in the engine room.

It claimed the lives of two crew members there, and injured several other people, most of them crew.

As of Wednesday two crew members remained hospitalized.

The ship itself limped to port behind its lifeboats, smoking heavily and listing.

The smoke forced the temporary evacuation of portions of Alesund.

At one point while the ship was tied up in port, the Nordlys listed 22 degrees to its port side, raising fear it would capsize.

It was eventually righted.

Casino

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velopment director for Black Bear, said.

Both companies announced that executive recruitment will begin Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Silverton is owned by Edward Ruski, a real estate executive who co-owns the Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Kings.

Dennis Bailey, head of the CasinosNot anti-casino group, said he'd like to know the financial terms of the deal and whether any profits will go to Silverton.

"No casino from Las Vegas is going to come in without taking a substantial bite of the apple," Bailey said. "That means most of the money spent there by Maine people will be heading out of state and won't be benefiting the local economy."

Smith said Silverton doesn't have any ownership stake in the casino.

"They are consultants, and the Maine owners are fully involved in the project," he said.

According to a Black Bear press release, Craig Cavileer, president of Silverton Casi-

no, said he is pleased to bring his company's expertise to Maine.

"We are privileged to have the opportunity to work with Black Bear," Cavileer said in the release. "As the only casino in Las Vegas that was designed to replicate the look and feel of a true New England lodge, we believe that our Silverton team is uniquely positioned to make this exciting Maine project a resounding success."

Smith said Silverton's lodge theme matches Black Bear's

ambitions. "The atmosphere of their casino is consistent with the Maine lodge feel that we're looking to achieve."

The Silverton Casino has 2,000 slot machines, 30 table games, a 300-room hotel and a 117,000-gallon aquarium. The hotel is in southwest Las Vegas, several miles off the Las Vegas Strip.

Construction workers at the casino site have begun pouring a concrete slab and Smith

said Black Bear expects the steel frame to begin going up by mid-November. In recent months, excavators have been leveling the land and digging storm water ponds.

The first phase of the casino, including a 65,000-square-foot gaming floor with a lounge and dining area, is scheduled to be complete in the first quarter of 2012.

With a gaming partner established, Black Bear also

submitted its casino operator application to the Maine Gambling Control Board, Smith said.

The casino was approved by voters through referendum in November 2010 and is expected to open next spring.

On Nov. 8, two ballot questions will ask Maine voters to allow casinos in Lewiston, Biddeford and Washington County.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

As many of you readers know, I am a technologically challenged individual. Within my own home I get by, though resetting the time on all of the various digital devices I have does bring on a little stress. Other than that little glitch I do just fine.

Outside the home I have more challenges than I care to. Some ATM machines (I know, that's redundant) have thrown me for a loop and I have actually frozen with fear over some of the high-tech self-service gas pumps.

Just when I thought everything that could go high-tech had, I read about the new Coca-Cola Freestyle soda machine. According to the article, "The Freestyle machine is billed as the Fountain of the Future and has a touchscreen, Wi-Fi-enabled, tracking chip equipped, soda-dispensing gizmo designed by automaker Ferrari. It uses medication dosing technology to create some 125 Coca-Cola products, many of which, like Orange Coke and Vanilla Sprite Zero, aren't available in bottles anywhere."

Several thoughts went through my mind when I read that article. 1. With 125 choices I can picture kids like my grandsons taking more than an hour to decide what to get. 2. The high-tech industry has created a lot of hyphenated words. 3. I will no doubt never use such a machine. 4. I came from an era when there were real soda fountains and no computer chips.

When I was a kid (these five words always bring eye rolls from my grandsons) we had several soda fountains in Norway where I grew up. There was Harlow's, Fletcher's, Ashton's Drug Store, J.J. Newberry's, Stone's Drug Store and Barjo's Restaurant. I may have even forgotten some.

I came from an era when there were real soda fountains and no computer chips.

I haven't, however, forgotten the sweetness of the Cherry Cokes or the vanilla phosphates or the concoctions we kids created, like chocolate ginger ale. Those were the days my friends, those were the days.

I'm sure that many of you readers, at least those over 50, have some fond soda fountain memories of your own.

Once upon a time in America just about every drug store had a soda fountain. As well as dispensing prescriptions, sound medical advice and magazines, they could dispense ice cream sodas, Cherry Cokes and lime rickys, not to mention the best darn grilled cheese sandwich you could get anywhere.

Sadly, the days of drug stores with soda fountains are long gone replaced by big box pharmacies. I will

say that such stores are convenient with longer hours than the drug stores of my youth and a much larger inventory of items including some grocery products.

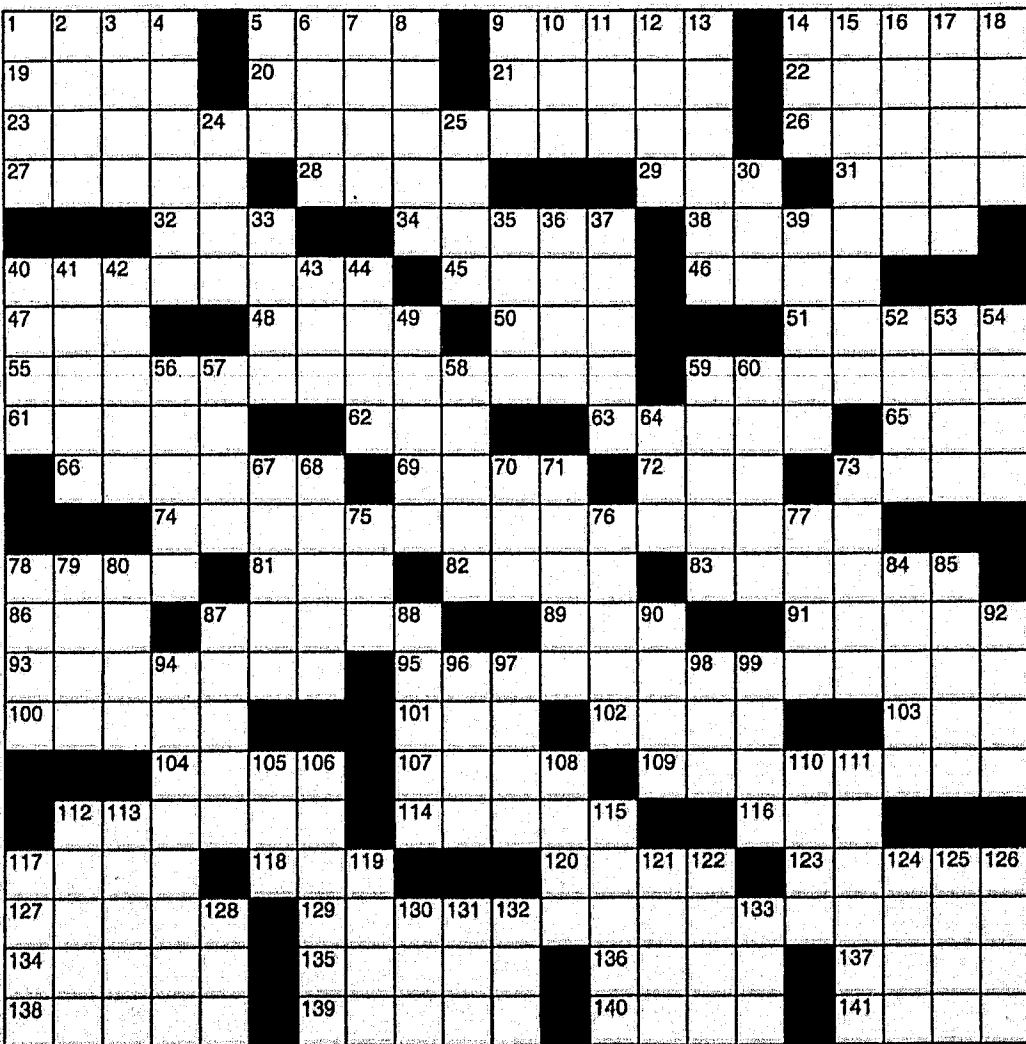
They lack the warmth of the old time drug stores and I find some things very strange about them. For example, if one has a need to get a prescription filled or purchase over-the-counter products, there is a good chance that one just might be sick.

If a person is sick they probably don't feel like being on their feet for very long. So, how come the pharmacy department and the OTC products are always way in the back of these giant box stores?

And, while I'm on the subject, how come the alcohol and tobacco products are near the front of the giant box stores. I'm not making a statement against alcohol and tobacco because I think that's none of my business, but I do think it's strange that a sick person has to trudge all the way to the back of the store to get needed medicine whereas one doesn't have to go very far into the store at all to buy a six pack of beer or a pack of smokes. That's just not right!

I guess I got a little side tracked from Coca-Cola's new Freestyle soda machine, but the way I see it I'd rather have my Cherry Coke sitting at a real soda fountain in a real drug store than to get it from a high-tech machine that I will probably never figure out how to use anyway.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Bethel Water District is connecting its main supply and treatment plant to the West Bethel water system via an under the Androscoggin pipe. Rally for (passenger) Rail drew 65 people from up and down the tracks and from political offices, too. HarvestFest XIV had great weather and a similar turnout. Next door the Hastings family display of Florence Hastings Traditional Crafts drew a steady stream of visitors to the Robinson House. CROP walk this Sunday (the 25) - support the Food Pantry. Kevin Slater, Mahoosuc Guide Service, will depart with an Allagash canoe party on Tuesday the 27th. Mahoosuc Realty has added some waterfront property to their front lawn. Read all about it.

about it.

BWD

On Sept. 1 the Bethel Water District, Cross Excavation and A E Hodsdon Engineers began installing a new water main from the BWD treatment plant on the North Road to water mains of West Bethel village. As of Wednesday, September 14th, the new water main has crossed the Androscoggin River in the vicinity of the Ferry Road canoe landing. It is a special composition plastic pipe 13 inches in outside diameter and 11 inches inside that was pulled from West Bethel through a channel in the river bed that had been bored from the north bank. The under river crossing pipe is 530 feet long. It will be connected to a regular 12-inch main that runs from the river crossing site to the treatment plant. On the West Bethel side the special crossing pipe will be connected to a 12-inch main running along the path of the Ferry Road and thence connect to the existing distribution

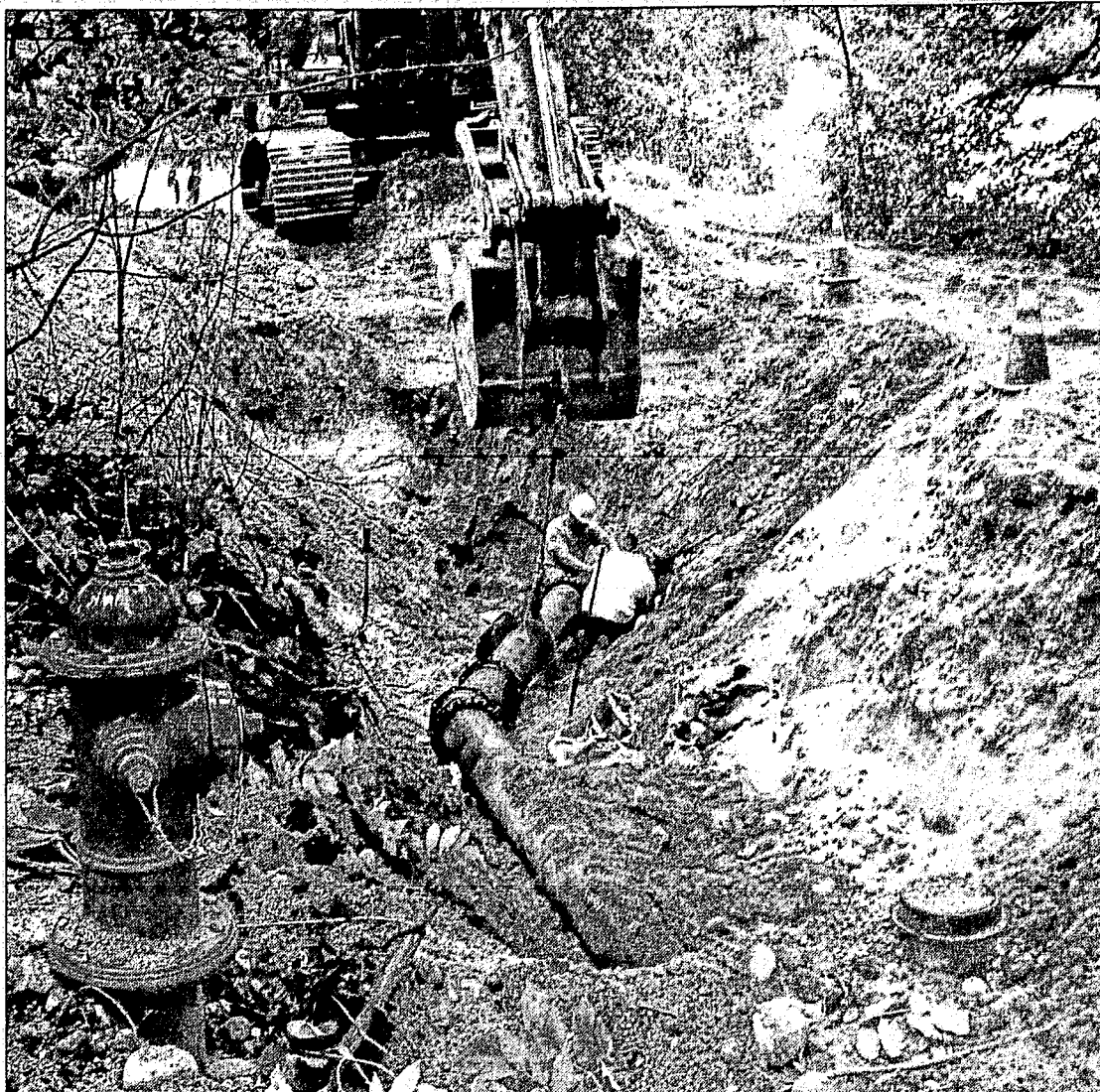
system. David DiProffio is the site engineer for the A E Hodsdon Company and supervises the technical aspect of the work. As both an engineer and former regulator, Mr. DiProffio has 25 years' knowledge of the Bethel water system.

Mr. DiProffio is confident that the new system will not only provide high quality water to West Bethel customers but that the existing supply obtained from five pumps on the North Road side of the river will be more than adequate for decades to come even if West Bethel's population grows significantly. As a safety factor in case of a main line break in the river, hydrants have been installed on each side of river so that water could be supplied by a hose crossing through the river from hydrant to hydrant. This would be like the emergency method used in Bethel several years ago when the main line that crossed the river broke.

For the first time since the West Bethel system was established by the Town of Bethel in 1959, West Bethel water customers will receive fully treated water that has been chlorinated, fluoride added, and aerated for the healthiest water possible. Lucien Roberge, BWD Superintendent, does have in mind that he may get some complaints about rust discoloration in the water as the "new" water flows into old pipes in the West Bethel system - hopefully this will not be the case. Mr. Roberge has also noted a drop in water consumption in West Bethel from 12,000 gallons a day down to about 5,000 gallons, which he sees as a consequence of mills closing and the impact of a poor economy on some residential customers. However, once completed and any individual troubles resolved, for the first time in 50 years West Bethel water customers will have service on par with Bethel village customers.

Rally for Rail

Rally for Rail, passenger train service through Bethel drew 65 attendees to the Bethel Chamber workshop at the Bethel Inn last Wednesday. Divided into four segments the program covered lunch, guest speaker, workshop committees and social hour. Wednesday's strong point and chief drawing card was the



WATER ON THE WAY—The Bethel Water District is extending pipes from its wells off the North Road under the Androscoggin River and into West Bethel so that customers there can have the same water as Bethel. Here, workers lay pipe on the West Bethel side of the river. For more, see (Photo: D. Bennett)

talk given by Maine Chamber of Commerce President Dana Connors. Mr. Connors had previously served as the head of MDOT. His qualifications and experience gave him plenty of authority to speak about passenger rail planning. His speech was about The Plan.

Mr. Connors said: If you are serious about restoring passenger train service from Portland to Montreal, then a persuasive, fact loaded plan must be a first step. Don't let any personal disagreements with the subject get in the way of writing a solid plan. The three key parts of the plan should be (1) the rail system, (2) support from a coalition of governments, politicians, businesses and societies which lie along the railway's path and (3) and the most important one, the economy of the area and how passenger rail will improve it. Words and facts in the plan

must clearly establish that investment in passenger rail will add enough new jobs, businesses and economic benefits to justify the huge investment.

The audience - representatives from the following attended the Rally: Lewiston-Auburn Growth Council; Bethel Airport Authority; Town Managers of Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock; Maine Rail Group, Northeast Bank; AVOG; City of Auburn; Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce; The Free Press; State Senator Patrick; Western Maine Economic Development Council; Office of Congressman Michaud; Mahoosuc Land Trust; Office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins; Western Maine Transportation Services; Gould Academy; Train Riders Northeast; State Senator Craven, Lewiston; Town of Gorham, NH; Of-

fice of U S Senator Olympia Snow; Mayor of the City of Lewiston; Maine Representative Crockett and a number of other individuals and organizations.

Passenger rail service from Portland to Montreal poses a very high hurdle to leap over. Cost estimates prepared for the recently completed rail study show that new business revenue, expanded employment (newly created jobs) and expansion of the state tax base in the rail corridor would have to total nearly \$1.3 billion over 20 years just to account for capital investment and rail operating deficits. At this point, too, New Hampshire and Vermont interests are not even mentioned as coalition partners.

Chowdah, Judge and Jury HarvestFest XIV, draws its

OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Sept. 13

At 6:08 p.m. a caller on the East Bethel Road reported a missing cat and believed neighbors might have information. Deputy Mike Parshall turned the case over to Animal Control.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

At 1:50 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder received a report from the Bird Hill Road of a dispute over damage to a road that the complainant said was his private road, as it was discontinued more than 100 years ago.

At 7:58 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the North Road for a custody dispute.

Friday, Sept. 16

At 1:36 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall, Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Main Street for a report of a hit-and-run or a citizen dispute, with a male subject on the ground with an unknown injury. The subject was taken to the hospital by Bethel Rescue. Investigation revealed a dispute between two subjects, with more followup required before a report submission to the D.A.

Saturday, Sept. 17

At 8:12 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle operating erratically on Route 232/Route 26. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 10:24 a.m. a caller on Liberty Lane reported a theft from his property. Capt. Hart Daley was assigned.

At 12:29 p.m. Capt. Hart Daley responded to Mason Street for a request to remove a subject. No crime was committed.

At 9:39 p.m. a caller reported a hit-and-run crash. He said he had been traveling on Broad Street and continued onto Paradise Road, when an older-model maroon sedan tried to pass him and sideswiped him. It did not stop. Estimated damage was \$2,900. The suspect vehicle was last seen on Mill Hill.

At 11:01 p.m. a vehicle hit an ice machine in front of a Railroad Street business. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

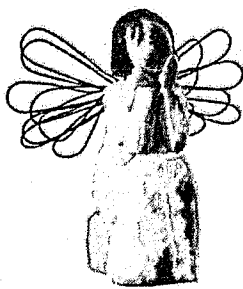
Sunday, Sept. 18

At 5:25 p.m. a Mason Street caller reported harassment. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 9:17 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Main Street for a report of two intoxicated males hollering and swearing. They apparently found a place to settle in, with no further complaints.

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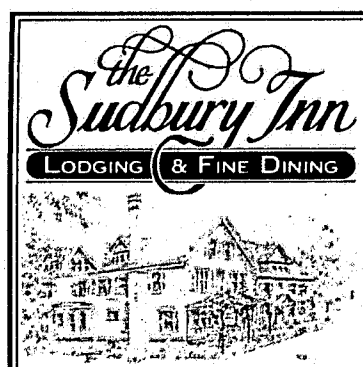
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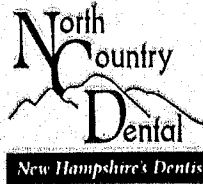
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biggest crowd at lunch time. My own entertainment this year was making a video of the crowd, the "runners," the Chowdah stations, the judges and finally the eaters. Starting out, the video shows a line of people waiting their turn in the serving line. Rosalie Holliday is writing notes. Then comes the servers; this year I picked the trio from Sudbury Inn because they had a corner position. From that spot I aimed my camera on the Judges Table. The judges were three ladies and Michelle Perejda was their waitress. Michelle said that she was a Runner. This was her fourth year as Runner. She was taking empty cups off the table and bringing new Chowdah samples for the tasting judgment. How many years must Ms. Perejda spend as a Runner before she is promoted to Senior Runner?

From the Judges Table the camera followed the Sudbury Chowdah team and then ended by taking a look at the luncheoners - they included Ernest and Alberta Angevine and friends. Returning at two-thirty, I found the Chowdah area practically deserted but a new band was playing tip top music. Robin was taking a break and Rosalie was still on the go. Julia seemed like she was everywhere. Saturday's Chowdah crowd seemed like it numbered two thousand people. There were at least 200. It is quite an event. The video will be part of this week's Bethel News online.

Wende Gray recruited judges for the Chowder and Apple Pie tasting. They were Argy Nestor, Pat Irons and Cecille Simmons. The Chamber organizers extend thanks to Wende for organizing the judiciary.

The Farmer's Wife - A Room Full of Crafts
Florence Hastings' daughters, Virginia and Mary Alice, were hostesses for the display of their mother's crafts at the Bethel Historical Society Robinson House, part of the HarvestFest XIV weekend program. The Traditional Crafts display filled the room's walls, fireplace mantel, and flooring completely. (When this room was Room 61 of the Bethel



YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO TUBE—Lorraine Bevin, 97, of East Hampton, Conn. took to Lake Christopher behind a boat recently to try her skill at tubing. She is the grandmother of Matt Bevin, who owns a home on the lake. Lorraine reportedly emerged from the water and said, "Wow, I could get used to this!" (Submitted photo)

Inn it was the favorite room of I believe the Chet Jordan family, who came annually in the fall for the Maine Meatpackers Convention.)

Some of the major pieces in the exhibit included braided rugs, a large family quilt, dolls, hand painted trays, tapestries, afghans and little desks. Besides Florence Hastings' energy, skill and devotion to crafts, the exhibit also tells the story of life on a farm which was isolated from the bustle of village life and demanded attention to daily tasks of farming along with those of family. Braided rugs covered the home's floors, they were not just pieces of art to look at; afghans and quilts kept family members warm they were not just to look at. Crafts were her hobby and her vehicle for teaching others.

Along with the exhibit, the Hastings family has published a soft cover book titled: "She Was A Crafty One: The First Century in the Life of Florence Bickford Hastings." In the book Florence wrote that she married Bob in 1926 and lived on the farm in East Bethel, where there was no electricity. She cooked meals for family and men who worked on the farm - in the winter they went into the woods carrying lunch pails she had prepared for them. She kept track of her expenses - the grocery bill for the first year was \$100. The outhouse was a shed half way to the barn.

In some ways Florence Hastings stories match those of Louise Dickenson Rich - they covered the same era. It is available from the Gift Shop at the Bethel Historical Society.

CROP Walk - Help Bethel's Food Pantry

Walk Sunday, Sept. 25, for world hunger and poverty and help out with the local hunger problem at the same time. The 6th annual Bethel Area CROP Walk is at 12:30, starting at the West Parish Congregational Church. Walkers go around the village of Bethel, up Evergreen Street, down Mason Street and Chapman Street to Railroad Street and back to the church. Seventy-five percent supports Church World Service. Other organizations may be chosen as the charity of choice. And 25% stays right here in Bethel to support the Bethel Food pantry, now located at the Nazarene Church. Contact Mary Stryker, 824-2379, for more information.

Take the Allagash Trip
The Mahoosuc Guide Service in North Newry schedules fall canoe trips on the Allagash at foliage time.

Kevin Slater will be guiding our trip on the Allagash Sept. 27 - Oct 2. We meet our clients in Orono and put in on Um-saskis Lake and paddle to Allagash village. We provide all the food and gear. The colors should be beautiful that time of year and no bugs and not many if any people. We do take a canvas wall tent with a woodstove in case the weather is cold. We have three spots left available. The price is \$975 per person.

If you like reading about the Maine woods and rivers, read Henry David Thoreau's book on the Maine Woods. On a trip to the Allagash from Bangor he had hired an Indian guide who was, it turned out, a Christian who would not work on Sundays. The guide stopped at every settler's lodging to find out what was happening in the immediate area and to pass on what he and his party had seen and heard.

Polly Mahoney sent me a photo of Karen and Don Beah who went on an earlier Allagash trip. The photo shows them paddling their canoe near the foot of the Allagash Falls.

Mahoosuc Realty Pond - Shoreline for more sales

Last week a new pond with pumpkin-head paddlers appeared on the front lawn at Mahoosuc Realty. While we know by now that waterfront property can bring more money to the table, the punch line to this display is that this pond is private and was sold as waterfront property. The only thing missing in this tableau is the loon.

Finally - the bird news - our hummingbirds left last Thursday/Friday. The gold finches left the week before.

From Nancy Brown:

Responsible Pet Care, Oxford County's only no-kill animal shelter, is hosting Black Tie Friday on Sept. 30. On that day the adoption fee will be half price for black or black and white cats and kittens. Cats will be \$40 and kittens will be \$45. An anonymous sponsor will contribute the other half of the fee. All cats and kittens have been spayed or neutered, received shots, treated for parasites and fleas, and tested for kitty AIDS. The RPC Shelter is located at 132 Waterford Road in Norway and is open from noon to 4 p.m.

Hazardous waste will be collected at the SAD 44 bus barn on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Residents of Bethel, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, and Woodstock can drop off waste at this location. The bus barn is located at the corner of Main and Cross streets in Bethel.

A public supper will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church. The church is across the street from Telstar. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Bethel United Methodist Church is hosting a "Blessing of the Animals" at 1 p.m. All area animals, live and stuffed, big and small, are invited to attend. Live ones must be leashed or caged. The church is located at 79 Main Street.

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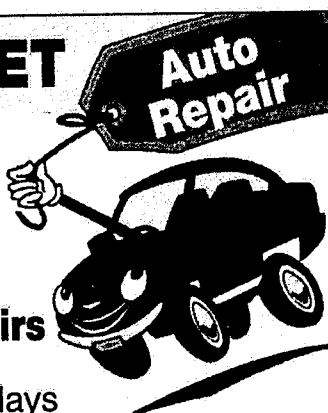
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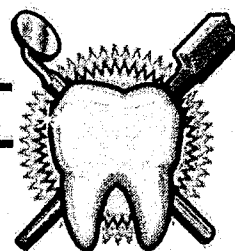


Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Even though the nights have been quite cold, I like Fall! We have had a couple of frost warnings last week, so we covered up our tomato plants again. Like I said, Fall is great, but it is what comes later on that I do not like. I could do without winter! My brother, Steve McLain, called me the other day and told me that I had won a blue ribbon at a horse show that Brad and Carole had gone to. Since I do not own a horse, this was a surprise!



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They entered my sour pickles in a contest at the show and they came away with a blue ribbon and no pickles. The judge really enjoyed them and said they were the sourest pickles that he had eaten in a long time. It is amazing how many people like the old fashioned sour pickles. Right, Mary Ellen!

Lise McLain went to the Senior Citizen monthly luncheon at the Funky Red Barn this past week.

Since I am the town clerk and registrar for Gilead, I attended the workshop in Augusta on Sept. 8 for registrars. I hitched a ride with Joan Kimball, who does the registrations for Albany. When we got there, the first table we saw with empty seats was the one occupied by Loretta Powers of Newry, Christen Mason of Bethel and Shirley Boyce of South Paris. Most of the material covered was old news to those of us who have held the job as long as we have, but there were a few new things.

The Celebration of Life was held for Sandra 'Cole' Laughy last Sunday at the Town Hall. There were around 60 people in attendance. A good many of them were her friends and family from New Hampshire, but there were several people from Gilead who attended. A lot of these people grew up in Gilead and went to school with Sandra. The Gilead Historical Society set up and helped with the lunch and the Gilead Fire Department provided the food. Many thanks to all who helped and brought food.

Gilead Historical Society
Reminder that the Annual Meeting and Pot Luck lunch will be next Saturday at the Town Hall at 1 p.m. This

event is open to the public. Just bring a food item and join us for lunch. The school house and train station will be open for anyone who would like to check them out and see the progress.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



I was told, nicely, that I made two errors in last week's column. I wrote that the public meeting with TA Associates was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m. in the school. The meeting was actually Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. in the school. I hope that I didn't cause anyone too much stress or inconvenience. I think the meeting went well. There were no shots fired. There were even a few jokes and chuckles. Wade and Dian Rainey of TA Associates were well prepared and gave understandable answers to almost all the questions asked. They did not know why the state mandates an assessment for solar panels but not for being on the C.M.P. grid.

I believe the next meeting for the selectmen will be Sunday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. at the town office.

The Upton Historical Society will meet in the school Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

I have no information about State Line Snowmobile Club meeting time or location.

The Upton Ladies Aid Association meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Leslie's house. They are currently working on Christmas stockings for the

children and senior citizens of Upton. Their scheduled events are as follows; Oct. 29, Hunters Breakfast, coffee will be on by 12:30 A.M. The meal will be buffet style. Nov. 12, Hunters supper, 6 p.m. pot roast in the Ladies Aid building. Dec. 3, 6 p.m., the Upton Christmas Party will be held in the school.

President of the Ladies Aid, Carol Norman, wishes to extend a message to everyone involved with Upton Fun Day; It was a great day and fun was had by all. We look forward to next year. Thank you to everyone involved. It's never too late to join.

Our new librarian, Carol, is working on organizing and freshening up the library. When the flag is out the library is open. There will soon be regular hours. Books are available at the Ladies Aid Building any time that the building is open. Happy Reading. Be sure to visit your local library.

We had a hard frost Saturday morning and a light one Sunday. We had the tomatoes covered so maybe they will be okay, but I think the garden is about done for this year.

Call me or email me with your news. 533-2010 or backst-joe@gmail.com

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



This has been a slow week for news. The only tidbit I heard is that Arlene Harrington's youngest daughter, Dori

Hallman and a friend, were here for a short visit from Durham.

Fall officially starts the end of the week. It is a busy time of year as folks are preparing for winter. Chances are it is the reason for not much news to be had. One reader and I happened to come up with the same idea to take a survey on "What are your favorite, or least favorite, Fall chores?". It should be interesting. I am looking forward to your responses. So, please, call me at 824-3220, e-mail han@megalink.net or message me on Facebook.

The foliage is already starting to look very pretty in some areas, which also means that the "leaf peepers" will be around soon. School has been in session for a mere few weeks and already folks are making their rounds. Time for the flu shots, though I must admit I have never had one and, knock on wood, never had the flu.

I just remembered one more item. One reader was wondering if others are also bothered

by an over abundance of mosquitoes? It is kind of odd this time of year.

Happy Fall.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Gardner Roberts Memorial Library had the monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of September. Planning

for the Fall Festival took up much of the meeting.

The event is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 8 at the Library/Town Office grounds. Available for purchase will be homemade food and baked goods, books and hand made crafts. A yard sale containing mostly new items this year will be offered. Also going on will be ticket sales for the raffle of theme baskets and the very beautiful fall quilt. Some produce from the Children's Garden may be on hand to purchase.

Everyone should plan to visit the Library on Oct. 8 to get in on the great sales and all the fun!

Dan Force needs some help! Dan is the Hanover representative on Regional School Unit 10 Board of Directors.

He plans to be away much of the winter and needs someone to fill in for him at the meetings. If you can help please contact Dan and he will get it set up.

Rumford Grange #115 hosted area granges for installation of officers on Saturday, Sept. 17. Granges being installed were Alder River #145 from East Bethel, Pleasant Valley #136 from West Bethel and Rumford Grange. Installing officers from Maine State Grange consisting of Pomona, Ruby Bryant; Ceres, Vicki Huff; Flora, Nancy Clark; Lecturer, John Applin and Chaplin, Nancy Mercer. Rumford Grange recently had the piano tuned and the State Musician and others made beautiful music come from it. One old fellow said he couldn't even play the radio very well.

Looking ahead, make plans for Sunday, Oct. 16, when the next Rumford Grange Sunday meal is planned. It will be the annual harvest dinner and will include corned beef and ham. Watch for more information later.

The Knights of Pythias attended opening day at Farmington Fair to take part in the horse blanket program. For many years the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias has helped promote horse racing in Maine by sponsoring a blanket to be given to the winner of race. Pythians attend-



NEW ATTORNEY AT HANLEY—Hanley & Associates, P.A. announces the appointment of Jamie I. Bullingham, Esq. to the firm as a new associate attorney. A native of Brunswick, Attorney Bullingham practiced for four years in the Waterville area of Kennebec County, with a primary focus in divorce and family law. Her practice complements that of the firm's Bethel attorneys Kirk G. Siegel and Jarrod S. Crockett. She also has experience in civil litigation, probate, trusts and estates, and criminal law. After graduating from the University of California in 2001, Bullingham attended the University of Maine, School of Law in Portland, during which time she interned with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, graduating cum laude in 2005. She is a member of the Maine State Bar Association. Hanley & Associates and its affiliate, Oxford Title, provide a broad range of legal services and have offices in Market Square in South Paris and on Main Street in Bethel.

ed from around Maine as far away as Schoodic Peninsula. Local members attending were Mark and Freeman Farrington, East Andover and Donna and Clem Worcester, Hanover.

Bryant Pond
By ALICE HOYT
Judith Grover tent 17 DU-VCW met at the Grange Hall on Monday, Sept. 12. Stoneham and Norway tents had some members come also. A cook-

out was held followed by the meeting.

Elsie Bonney acted as guide.

Communications from Dept. Pres. Elsie Bonney; general orders 1, Donna and Ryan Reed thank you for the box we sent him with pictures, and Marilyn Jones. It was reported in August Sally Sawyer and dept. Pres. Elsie Bonney went to Stoneham tent to help initiate a new member.

Thirty two calls were reported; Alice Hoyt and Kim from Stoneham tent received the mystery packages. Those present were seven from Stoneham, two from Norway and ten from Judith Grover tent. Jane Wardwell and Sally Sawyer received their 50 year pins presented by Dept. Pres. Elsie Bonney. Next meeting is Oct. 10 at the Grange Hall. Following the meeting a flag retirement ceremony was held.

Remember Saturday evening Sept. 24 Blue Grass Show at Bryant Pond Franklin Grange Hall. Show starts at 7 p.m. Hemingway's Blue Grass Band featuring Kip and Dale Hemingway and The Thursday Night Pickers featuring Becky Law. One hour and a half show with refreshments on sale at intermission. Money from show goes to needed repairs to Grange Hall. Come have a good time and support the Grange.

Historical Society
At the September meeting of the Historical Society Joyce Howe supplied a meal of pizza. There was a research report on a Paris-Woodstock Library back in the nineteenth century. Then Joyce reported on her work in Woodstock with MOCA, the Maine Old Cemetery Association.

She maps the stones and records all the information on them. Everything is carefully numbered and photos are taken.

The results are put on the computer for easy access. Treasurer Paul Billings also said the Society has another grant from Wal-Mart.



INFORMATION, PLEASE—This cow moose turned up recently at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, perhaps looking for directions to the nearest woods trail. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Pete

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fine my style of acoustic flat-top guitar. We played Doc Watson, Norman Blake, New Riders and so much more, and I could not get enough.

"We played many hours at his camp on East B Hill, and later on at his house in South Andover. Steve and I still play a lot, together with Steve's son Kier (Bill has passed away)."

More recent experiences

In 1998 Pete had an opportunity to learn from several past National Guitar Champions.

He attended a Steve Kaufman Kamp in Tennessee, studying under Kaufman, Dan Crary, Beppe Gambetta, Pat Flynn, and Norman Blake. "That experience built a fire in acoustic flat-picking that still burns today," he said.

He returned for another session at the camp in 2002.

Pete has played with a couple bands over the years, "Leavin' City Limits" and "No Strings Attached."

"but for the most part I've enjoyed making music with my friends at 'Pluck and Cluck,'" he said. "We regularly get together and just

play music and solve most of the problems of the day.

"I think I have been influenced by every musician I have ever played with, and thank them for that," he said.

While the combined styles of the three artists mentioned at the top of this story would, he says, "closely fit, as with

"This will be the first concert I've done of just my songs, and I'm just a little nervous about it," he said, "It's much less stressful singing tried and true songs of other artists."

The concert playlist will be in chronological order, from oldest to newest songs, "and hopefully will show growth and development in composition," he said.

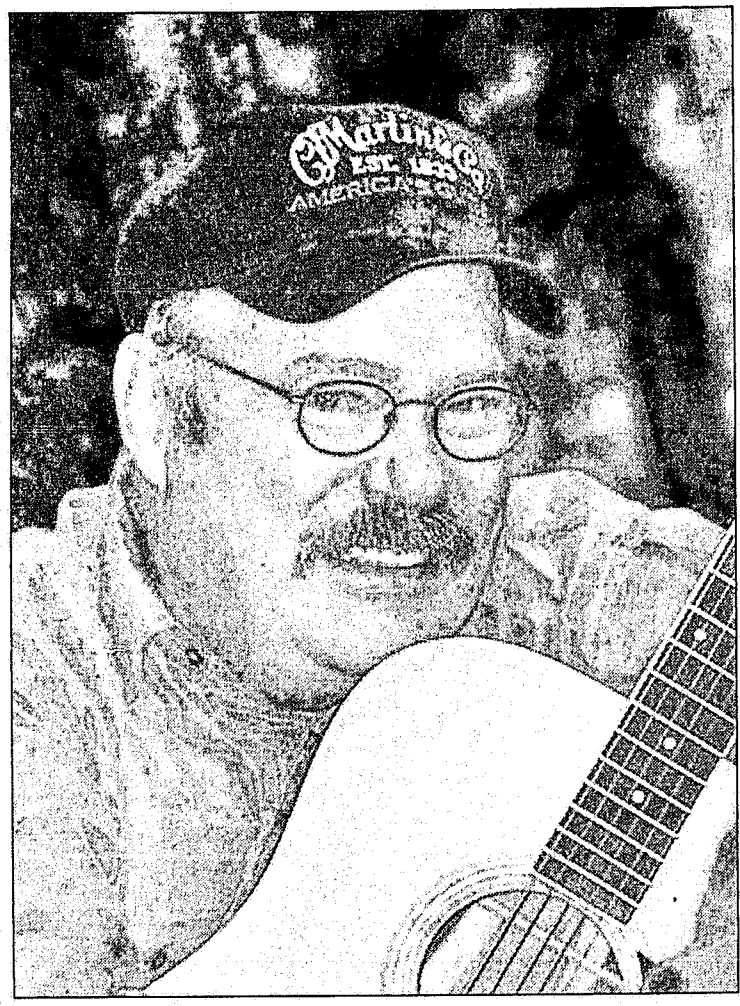
Pete will be joined by musicians Mike Gallant, Tim Gallant and Steve Simmons, "all great musicians and good sports for learning songs they've never heard," he said. "I'm extremely pleased with how the song arrangements are coming together, and really look forward to a great show."

The concert will take place at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. (doors

most singer/songwriters, I guess I would like to sound like 'me.'"

Sept. 24 concert
Pete's benefit concert will feature his own work.

open at 6). Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased by mailing a check to Hungry Kingdom, PO Box 155, Andover 04216. Tickets at the door are \$12.



Fall Foliage Paddle set

Paddlers of all ages and abilities are invited to experience the Androscoggin River on Saturday, Oct. 1. The Androscoggin River Watershed Council, the Mahosuc Land Trust, and the River Valley Growth Council will host a day of paddling in Rumford.

Jessie Perkins, who organizes the Androscoggin River Watershed Council's annual Source to the Sea Trek, said, "The section of river between Hanover and Rumford is a perfect, easy but beautiful paddle that anyone can enjoy. With foliage nearing its peak on the surrounding hillsides, it should be a fantastic day."

Paddlers can choose one of two options. More experienced paddlers with their own boats should meet at 9 a.m. at the boat landing at the Hanover Town Hall, which is located just west of the village of Hanover on Route 2. Those wishing to try the sport but do not have their own boats can meet at the Madison Motor Inn on Route 2 in Rumford. There, Bruce Powell, owner of Grafton Notch Campground of Newry, will lend canoes at no cost. To reserve a canoe, please contact jimrinaldo@yahoo.com or 364-2983.

The end destination is the Rumford river access near McDonald's. There, outdoor outfitter Ecopelagicon of Rangeley will have kayaks to try out for free from 10 a.m. until noon. Instructors will also be on hand. Once the paddling groups reach the endpoint, the River Valley Growth Council will cook up a free barbecue for all involved.

The Grafton Notch Campground will shuttle paddlers back to their vehicles.

Jim Rinaldo, Executive Director of the River Valley Growth Council, said, "We're so excited about this event because the Androscoggin is such a great asset to our community, and we want to encourage people to get out and enjoy it. We're hoping for a big crowd for this free, fun event during one of the most gorgeous time of year."

Cub Scout sign-up

If your son is in grades 1-5 and would like to join the Cub Scouts, please call Ron Fournier at 603-401-1802 or show up at our first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church (use rear door please). Pack 566 is a very active pack of scouts that focuses on youth development and life skills.

We are also looking for parents or grandparents that would like to become involved as we continue to grow.

Primetime Ski Club prepares for season

About half of Primetime's (www.primetimeskiclub.com) 120 members descended on Bethel this weekend for their annual meeting/summer activities. Bethel's weather cooperated perfectly, and 60 or so 50+ year olds were all over town in scheduled events from golf to hiking (First mountain), and kayaking the Androscoggin to biking 15+ miles on the north side of town. When the Friday-Saturday events were over, many of the group were found enjoying the Bethel Harvest Fest. The weekend was capped with a terrific cocktail party-annual meeting-New England Lobster Bake specially prepared by the Phoenix.

The group elected their 2011-12 board of directors and listened to leadership preparations for skiing activities and social events being set up for this winter.

Monthly potlucks with various speakers, two or three local ski mountain trips and a trip to Aspen (closed) are on the calendar right now. Soon the rest will fill in with ad hoc nights out at partner restaurants, a wine tasting night, two theater trips, and the year end gala.

The ski group's primary function is to give everyone somebody to ski with regardless of ability "Always Skiing

with Friends; Never Skiing Alone."

They find social skiing to be infinitely more fun. The group meets every ski week-day at North Peak at about 10 a.m., where they break into groups. Some of the groups stay pretty much along the green trails while others speed down blues and blacks. A few test out double blacks, bumps and glades.

Many of the group members enjoy the camaraderie and social aspect to skiing with others and take every chance to meet up after hours as well.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Sept. 14 at the Funky Red Barn for their meeting and luncheon with 47 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, singing God Bless America and offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Florence Merrill and the door prize by Gerry Shimamura.

The next meeting will be Oct. 12 at the West Bethel Grange Hall. Price of dinner is \$10. Reservations must be made by Oct. 6 by calling Caroline at 824-3226 or Arlene at 824-2877. The speaker will be Representative Jarrod Crockett.

Sept. 27 is the Senior Citizens Foliage trip. The bus will leave Bethel Health Center at 9:30 a.m., head up through Grafton Notch to Errol, N.H. and back down to Berlin, N.H. We will have lunch at the Northland Dairy. Cost is \$15.50. Call Caroline or Arlene for reservations and choice of beef, haddock or turkey for lunch.

There were sign up sheets for the trip and also for the Oct. 12 meeting.

The speaker was Bob Goldman who talked about Medicare and the different plans and what they covered. He is an independent representative of different plans for senior citizens.

Happy Birthday was sung to members celebrating birthdays in Sept. and a picture taken. Birthdays are Fumi Head, Beatrice Lowell, Doris Mills, Hugh Swan and Patricia Thurston.

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ELLIS RIVER RIDERS WINNERS—Deb Cayer of Andover and her horse Morning Son were awarded second place at the Ellis River Riders two day Versatility Trail challenge. The overall winner of the event was Samantha Lindley of Peru with her horse Mouse. Both of these young women competed in the competition on both Saturday and Sunday and their placements each day had to be determined by a tie-breaker. The overall high points for the weekend required two tie-breakers to be performed before first and second place could be determined. It was that close. Both ladies and both horses did an outstanding job in the timed event with an obstacle course. The judge scores each horse and rider team on each obstacle. Deb and Sam's hard work with their horses and outstanding horsemanship skills played off. As the first place winner Sam was awarded an embroidered trophy horse blanket.

Bethel Library News

The Bethel Library has received two new desktop computers and two new laptops from a BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunity Program) grant. The computers are now installed and ready for public use.

A weekly children's story and craft hour with Lisa Fox and librarian Michelle Conroy will begin on Thursday, Oct. 6. The story and craft time will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Children ages 2 - 5 are welcome to attend with their parents or guardian. For more information on the children's hour, please call 824-2520.

Bethel Library patrons will soon be able to download audio books and e-books using their library card number. The library will provide the service through Maine Infonet. More than 1,400 e-books, including best-selling fiction, young adult, and children's books, are available through Maine Infonet as downloadable e-books.

Maine Infonet also has hundreds of downloadable audio books. E-books can be read on a computer screen or with portable devices, such as Sony Reader, the Nook, and the Kobo. Soon, Maine Infonet e-books will also be compatible with the Kindle Pearl, Apple iPad and Droid-based smartphones. The library is planning to go live with the downloadable audio and e-books at the end of February 2012.

The Bethel Library is now on Facebook. Contact us there or at 824-2520 for information on programs and other activities.

West Paris Library's "Buck a Bag" book sale

Come to the West Paris Library's "Buck-a-Bag" sale on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 8:30 to 1. The trip will be worth your while. For just one dollar, you get as many books or other items as you can fit in a standard plastic grocery

bag. You will find a very large selection of new and gently used children and adult fiction and non-fiction books as well as movie DVDs, books on tape, and magazines. The sale will be held in the West Paris Historical Society Building, which is just across the street from the Library.

Refreshments (coffee, tea and muffins) will be available — no charge, but a donation is always welcome. In addition, the library is offering a fall-themed ticket raffle. Two fall centerpieces created by Elaine Penley and two top-quality children's books are the prizes.

The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the West Paris Library. Library hours are Monday and Friday from 1:30 to 6, Wednesday from 1:30 to 7 and Saturday from 10 to 2. The Library is located at 226 Main Street. For more information, call 674-2004 or visit our website at westparislibrary.org.

Greenwood teen represents Bethel Rotary at World Affairs seminar in Wisconsin

Mercedes McLean of Greenwood represented the Rotary Club of Bethel at the World Affairs Seminar at Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin from June 18-24.

Mercedes is a senior at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport.

Mercedes attended Forestdale in South Woodstock through the eighth grade.

The World Affairs Seminar has been preparing young people to deal with global problems and issues for more than 80 years.

Key features of the 2011 World Affairs Seminar included exploring cutting-edge topics in the areas of emerging economic and technological development in sustainable systems.

Mercedes liked both the lectures and small group activities. She described one of the small group activities which was titled "Garbage to Art".

Students were given a bag containing tin cans, old magazines and newspapers and various other items of garbage. The group in which Mercedes participated made a garbage garden with flowers and a "cool" poster titled "peace" out of clips from magazines.

Mercedes also liked the field trips that were offered. Her group visited the New Genesis Farm which was on the site of an older farm. This farm used no pesticides and artificial fertilizers. These items may grow crops faster but are not good for the sustainability of the soil.

Another project was how to maintain the stability of the ocean. Students took on different roles. Some were small fisherman, some part of larger fisheries, some corporations and some govern-

ment regulators who determined the amount of fish that could be caught and sold. However, these regulators were told they could accept bribes to sell more fish if the money was given for local school education, etc. It was obviously difficult to juggle everyone's needs and sustain our oceans.

Some of the lecturers spoke to different sources of renewable energy, how manufacturing often uses more natural gases than they save and shadow cities of areas where people live without proper food, water and health conditions.

Her favorite part of the experience was being with young people that care about what is going on in the world, that understand that everything you do affects others and who are curious and like to ask questions.

Collaboration experiences and time management were another plus. An example was a mapping challenge.

Her group was given an E reader and had to find out all the places in the world that contribute parts to the E reader.

Mercedes made special friends with people in the Cayman Islands and met others from China, England, Nepal and India.

Mercedes is 16 going on 17 years old and is a most knowledgeable person in world affairs. She spent time as a missionary in India, worked for the World Health Organization in Tanzania and worked in Australia in the People to People Program.

Next year the theme of the World Affairs Seminar is how technology is affecting the globe.



ROTARY TOURNAMENT—The annual Bethel Rotary Golf Challenge fundraiser took place recently at the Bethel Inn and Country Club. Winners in the First Gross Team Event were, from left: Brad Jerome, Mike Fraser, Paul Chlasson and Allen Connors.

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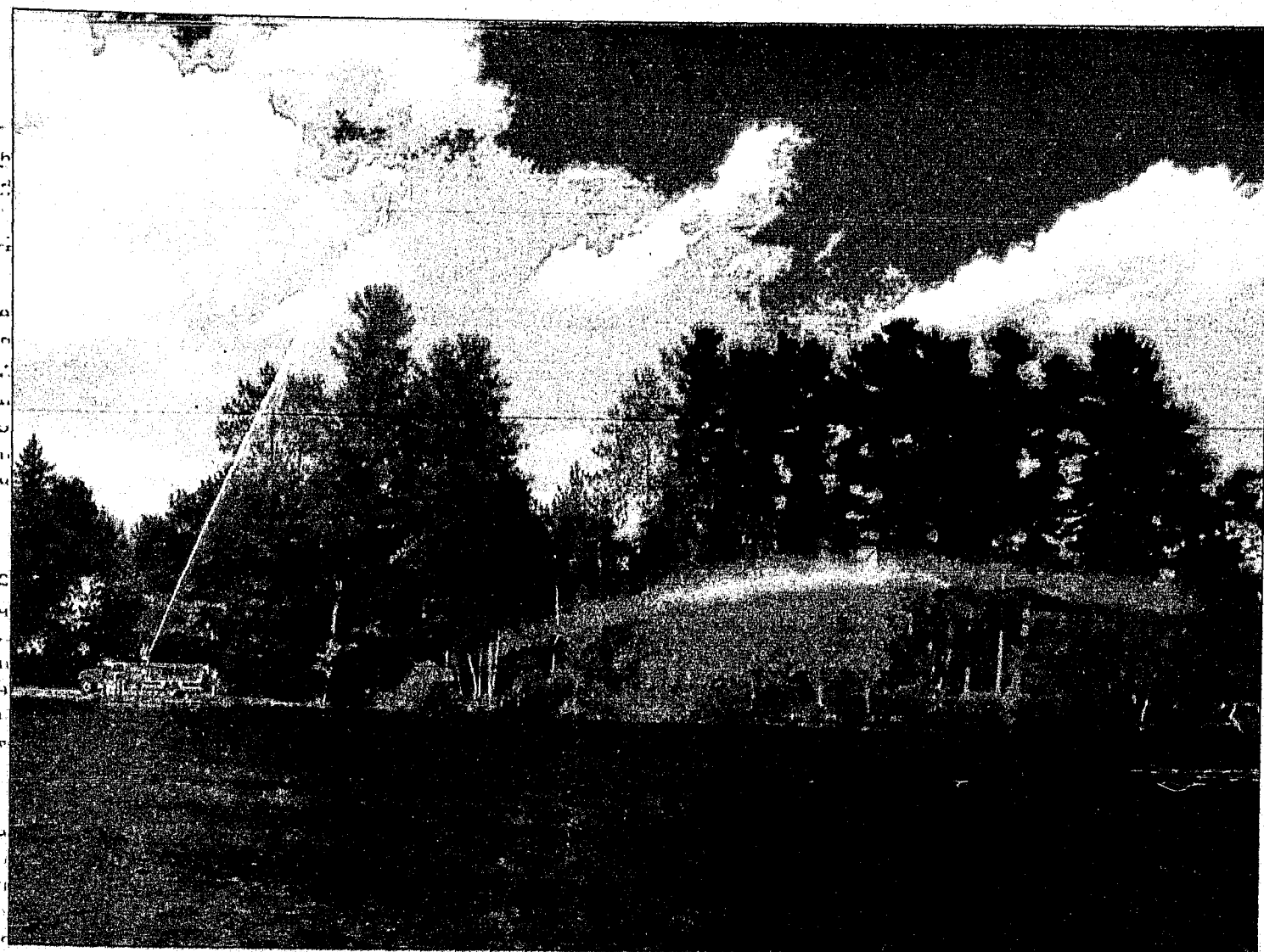
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MANMADE RAINBOW—Matt Bevin photographed this rainbow created by a Woodstock Fire Department truck as it tested equipment at the public landing in Bryant Pond.

Albany Improvement Assn. presentation

The Albany Improvement Association will sponsor a slide-presentation and discussion by Brianna Douglass about her recent travel/study adventure in Peru.

Through photos and personal reflections, Brianna, a UMaine Farmington junior and Telstar alumna, will describe the history, culture and landscape of the country.

A question-and-answer session will follow. Refreshments will be served. The event will take place at the Albany Town Hall at the corner of Vernon Street and

Hunt's Corner Road on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.

Thanks to the generous support of community members and our ongoing fundraising activities, the association was able to have the town hall floor sanded and revarnished.

Future improvements on the building will include an outdoor flagpole, lamp posts and a new sign.

Show to benefit Responsible Pet Care

Rehearsals for the 2011 Christmas for Teens Benefit Show will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and continue on

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 at the OHCHS Music Room.

The choral group is open to grades 6-12 and community adults.

This year the Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter Show will be combined with the Teen Benefit Show to provide an unusually exciting and creative evening of upbeat, expressive music in a variety of settings. There is an intriguing storyline concerning two cats, one living in New York City and one in Norway, Maine.

They are on a pilgrimage to find their lost sibling in NYC. After meeting in Grand Central Station, they visit such places as a synagogue, a mansion where a party is taking place, an orphanage with an attached animal shelter, and finally they visit a cathedral.

Their journey also introduces them to the streets with street musicians and performers. Each setting has a wonderful set of music selections.

The director, Cynthia R. Westcott, and the assistant director, Sally Riman, are both professional music educators. The accompanist is Virginia Noble; production assistant, Jenn St.Pierre; set designer, Chris Bass; costumes and script, Patricia Jillson. The lighting designer is Al Westcott.

The show date is Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., with an added matinee on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1:30. Students and community members are invited to come sing and join the fun of creating this exciting show for two very worthy causes.

Telstar High School senior named semifinalist in National Merit Scholarship Program

Telstar High School senior Adam Mahar, son of Ami Marie Mahar of Rumford and Joseph Mahar of Andover is a Semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists last week in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit Scholarship worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for the Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Steps in the competition

About 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay and information about the Semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this Finalist group. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.



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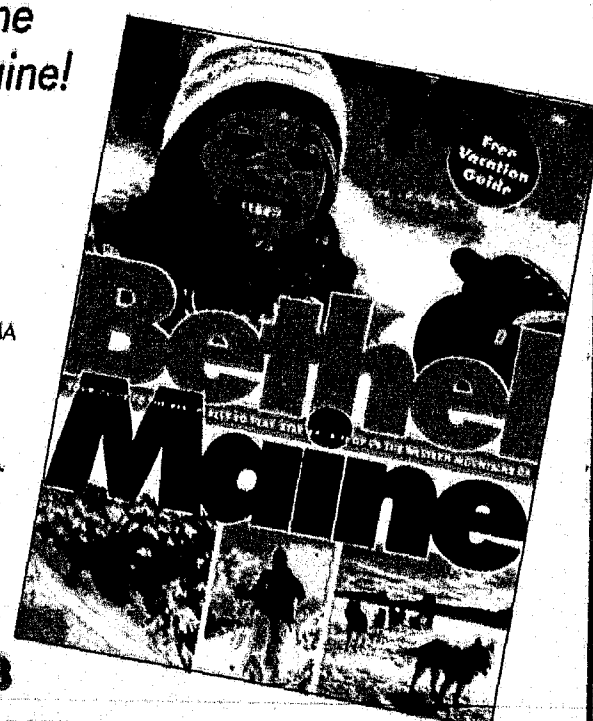
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Community Calendar

Bethel Farmers Market open Saturdays through Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine at Norway Savings Bank. FMI: 890-6859 or bethelfarmersmarket.com.

Thru Oct. 6

Traveling Across America: Artist Barbara Traficonte, Lajos Matolcsy Art Gallery, 480 Main Street, Norway. FMI: 739-6361 or www.theWMAG.org. Free and open to public.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 23, 24, 25

9 a.m. (gates open) - **Common Ground Country Fair**, Unity, Maine.

Saturday, Sept. 24

9 to 11:30 a.m. - **Household Hazardous Waste** collection day at the SAD 44 Bus Barn. Free to residents from Bethel, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, West Paris, and Woodstock. Please bring hazardous wastes in original containers, if possible. FMI: 783-9186 or visit www.avcog.org.

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Bee Club** meeting Extension Center, South Paris. Topic: wrapping hives and getting bees ready for winter. FMI: John E. Seilonen (743-5009).

4:30-7 p.m. - **Fall Harvest Dinner** at Holy Savior Church Hall, 126 Maine Ave, Rumford. All welcome. Menu includes traditional New England Boiled Dinner (optional homemade macaroni and cheese entree) with homemade apple crisp. Apples were picked and donated by the 7th grade class. Many of the veggies and all the apples are from local farms. \$8 adults, \$6 children 12 and under. Take out available. Proceeds to benefit Holy Savior Catholic School. Tickets available at the door or in advance at Hair Design and Holy Savior School. FMI 364-2528

5 p.m. - **Chinese Auction fundraiser** for Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills, at Oxford Hills High School, South Paris. Doors open at 5 for bidding until 6:30 p.m. RPC is a no-kill shelter for cats, kittens and stray dogs.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Public supper** at West Bethel Union Church. Adults \$7, children under 12 \$3.

7 p.m. - **An Evening with Pete Coolidge** at Andover Town Hall. Pete will perform his original music in a concert to benefit the Hungry Kingdom and the Save Our School Committee. \$10 per ticket, 150 tickets available. Make checks to Hungry Kingdom, PO Box 155, Andover 04216.

7 p.m. - **Evening of Blue Grass**, Bryant Pond Grange Hall to benefit repairs of hall. Featured: Kip and Dale Hemingway (Blue Grass Band) and The Thursday Night Pickers featuring Becky Law. Refreshments on sale.

Sunday, Sept. 25

12:30 p.m. - **Sixth Annual Bethel CROP Walk** for local and

world hunger relief. Seventy-five percent goes to Church World Service or another designee and 15 percent to Bethel Food Pantry. FMI: Mary Stryker (824-2379).

1 p.m. - **Slide-presentation and discussion by Brianna Douglass** about her recent travel/study adventure in Peru, at the Albany Town Hall. Sponsored by the Albany Improvement Association. Through photos and personal reflections, Brianna, a UMaine Farmington junior and Telstar alumna, will describe the history, culture and landscape of this fascinating country. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, Sept. 30

9:15 a.m. - **"Aging Well Living Well EXPO,"** sponsored by SeniorsPlus at Sunday River's Grand Summit Resort. FMI: 1(800) 427-1241 or e-mail cjones@seniorsplus.org

Wednesday, Sept. 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper (no charge)**, Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Thursday, Sept. 29

8 a.m. - Telstar High School will sponsor a **River Cleanup Day** beginning at Davis Park. Watercraft will paddle to the Bear River and clean up trash and debris along the way. Any community members wishing to participate are welcome. Bring a canoe and gloves. FMI: call Steve Keane at 824-2136 Ext. 222.

Saturday, Oct. 1

9:30 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Hike**. Moderately strenuous four-mile hike over First Mountain and onto Middle Mountain, Shelburne, N.H. Refreshments following at First Mountain House. Call 824-3806 for directions.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - West Paris Library's **"Buck-a-Bag" sale** at West Paris Historical Society Building, sponsored by Friends of the West Paris Library. For one dollar, get as many books or other items as can fit in a standard plastic grocery bag. Large selection of new and gently used children and adult fiction and non-fiction books as well as movie DVDs, books on tape, and magazines. Refreshments available at no charge, donations welcome. Fall-themed ticket raffle. FMI: 674-2004 or westparislibrary.org.

Oct. 2-9

Fryeburg Fair.

Thursday, Oct. 6

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"80 is the New 60"** - a panel presentation by six local octogenarians who share some life experiences and tips

on aging gracefully. Bethel Congregational Church. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD#44/Continuing Education. Public invited, admission free. FMI 824-2053.

6:30 p.m. - **Telstar Homecoming Parade and Bonfire**. Parade starts at Bethel Fire Station at 6:30 and works its way down Main Street, to end at the field across from the movie theater. Bonfire starts there at 7 p.m. and end at 9. Food and drinks on sale. The community is invited to join the celebration. Anyone who would like to set up a booth at the bonfire or have a float in the parade should contact THS at 824-2136. Those participating in the parade should be at the Fire Station at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Maine Handicapped Skiing is hosting a **Community Yard Sale** in the parking lot at MHS, just up the road from the South Ridge base lodge at Sunday River. Donations are being accepted for MHS to sell, or rent your own table for \$15. A great time to clean out the closets and then take advantage of the tent sales around the mountain during Fall Festival. All proceeds to benefit MHS programming. FMI: Lizz at 824-2440 ext 100.

Sunday, Oct. 9

11:30 a.m. - **Waterford Fall Foliage 5K Road Race & 1 Mile Fun Run and Chili Cook-Off**. 1 Mile Fun Run, 11:30 a.m. start, \$5 registration fee. 5K Road Race & 5K Fitness Walk, 12 noon start, \$15 pre-reg./\$18 race day. Long-sleeve T-shirts for the first 100 registrants. Chili Cook-Off during and after the race. Individual and group/restaurants. Everyone welcome to enter. Roads leading to the race will close at 11:20 a.m. Parking nearby. Registration forms available in local stores or online at active.com. Check out our website at waterfordfall5k.com. Money raised will go to the Tony Waldeier Scholarship Fund.

Friday, Oct. 14

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - **Triad Lunch for Senior Citizens** at Eagles Club in Rumford. Beans and hot dogs, cole slaw and apple crisp. There will be some speakers, followed by Beano games. No cost for the dinner, but \$.05 a card to play Beano. Sponsored by the Oxford County Sheriff's Dept.

7 p.m. - **Elisabeth von Trapp** concert at the United Methodist Church, Bethel. Von Trapp is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music." She has sung professionally since childhood and has performed in venues from European cathedrals to Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - **Breakfast open to the public** at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation** and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Group Road Ride**, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—**Story Hours** for children, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - **Mountain bike ride**. Meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-

0100 for route information. Open to all riders.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - **Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill**. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 869-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Calendar items

may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

School Sports

High School Football

Freeport 47, Telstar 13; Sept. 17— Telstar's Nick Mills ran 58 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Dom Haines threw a 31-yard pass to Drew Wilson for another score in a loss to Freeport.

High School Varsity Field Hockey

Lisbon 2, Telstar 1; Sept. 16— Telstar came out stronger in the second half after being down 1-0 at half. Lyndsay Merrill tied the game 1-1 with a goal late in second half to put game into OT. Telstar had shots in OT, but couldn't find the net. Lisbon scored with 2:20 left to play in first OT to end game. Hali Barter had 9 saves in cage for Rebels.— Coach Gail Wight

Telstar 1, Hall-Dale 0; Sept. 17— The first half, despite numerous shots and corners, ended with a score of 0-0. In the second half Telstar picked up their passing game, and Lyndsay Merrill scored the winning goal with 16:33 left. The defense stepped up, led by Hunter Verrill and Mariha Morin, to move the offense down the field to seal the win.— Coach Gail Wight

High School J.V. Field Hockey

Telstar 3, Dirigo 0; Sept. 19— Telstar's Anneliese Smith got the scoring started in the first half with an unassisted goal. Dakota Verrill scored two more insurance goals in the second half. Excellent work in the middle of the field by Sadie Ellsworth and Annie Cushman. Defensive players Mackenzie Blake, Savannah Laird, Andra Risko, and Kayla Verrill worked hard to keep the ball out of the defensive circle. Meg Glover had two saves in goal for the shutout.— Coach Lori Davis

Lisbon 5, Telstar 0; Sept. 14—The JV field hockey team fought until the end, but lost to Lisbon. Mackenzie Blake, Kayla Verrill, Rebecca Miller, and Andra Risko made great plays defensively. Meg Glover made some huge saves, charging out of the cage during the second half.— Coach Lori Davis

High School Golf

Telstar 4, Madison 3; Sept. 20— Telstar's Kyle Peterson and Colt Davis won their individual matches and the team beat Madison 188-198 for the win. Danny Whitney and Kyle Peterson both shot a round of 43 and Anthony Dirago and Davis carded a pair of 51s. The team is now 3-4 on the season.— Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 5 ½, Spruce Mt. 1 ½; Sept. 15— Telstar's Danny Whitney, Kyle Peterson and Colt Davis won their matches with Danny the medalist with a round of 41. Kyle also played well with a round of 42 and Cody Boivin won his last two holes to tie his opponent. Telstar is now 2-4 on the season.— Coach Jim Lunney

TMS Varsity Soccer

Telstar 5, Spruce Mt. 0; Sept. 16— TMS won its season home opener solidly defeating Spruce Mountain. The team held a 4-0 at half and tallied the fifth goal in the second half. Mitch Lehman once again had a hat trick, scoring on assists by Avry Griffin, Caleb Clarke, and Brendon Stearns. Hunter Williamson scored a beautiful header on an assist from Lehman, and Stearns had an unassisted goal of his own. Jacob Bennett and Schuyler Left each had two saves in the combined effort of a shutout. The Rebels were in complete command of the game from opening kick off, and showed great patience and passing throughout.— Coach Mark Kenney



SCORE—India Orino of Telstar Middle School scores against Spruce Mountain during Tuesday night's field hockey game. The Rebels played strong, scoring three goals in the first half before Spruce Mountain came back to win, 5-3 in the second.

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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev.

Philip Tracy, Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

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Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6 p.m.; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 p.m. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets

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North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

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First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious

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Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

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SUMNER East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship, Sept. to June. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

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Obituaries



JOHN E. CHASE

John E. Chase of Greenwood passed away September 17, 2011 with his loving family by his side.

He was born July 20, 1937, the son of Helen and Edward Chase of Greenwood.

He attended Greenwood schools, Gould Academy and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1956. He married Leatrice Farnum on July 4, 1958. They had four children.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years; daughters Althea and Robert Stevens, Crystal Beane and companion, Bill Hodges; sons Richard and wife, Teresa, Andrew and wife Rhonda; eight grandchildren; Keith and companion, Heather, Jennifer and companion, Evan, Daniel and companion, Megan, Tiffany and husband, David, Michael and companion, Jessica, Hunter, Liza and Kaylea, six great-grandchildren, Simon and Garrett Dolbec, Ashlynn Stevens, Caleb, Colby and Cameron McCrary, his loving cat, Lucky, sister Arlene Greenleaf and husband, John, sister-in-law Alice Hoyt and husband, Kenneth.

He worked at Echo Home-ware, Gilbert Manufacturing and Saunders Brothers, retiring in 1999. His greatest enjoyment was being in the woods alone or with his sons and son-in-law and grandchildren. He loved working in his wood shop, making things for family and friends. It was A.R.A.C. Dad's workshop. He loved hunting, fishing and all sports. He played baseball, basketball and soccer. He played for the American Legion and town team. He loved being a leader of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and coached farm team and little league. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. He enjoyed all of his trips to Alaska to visit his daughter and family.

He was predeceased by his parents, Helen and Edward Chase, mother and father-in-law, mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Beatrice Farnum, son-in-law Aric Beane.

Special thanks to Crystal and Bill Hodges, Dr. Medd, Sondra Greenleaf and Beacon Hospital.

At his request there will be no service. He requested a memorial at the house of his son, Richard Chase in Fuller Hill in Woodstock. It will be held Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Locke Mills Union Church in his memory: P.O. Box 147, Greenwood, ME, 04255.



MICHAEL JOEL STONE

On September 14, 2011, Michael Joel Stone, 53, of Stratford passed from this world at his home on his beloved McMann Road.

Mike was born on December 15, 1957, the first born son of James Stone and Peggy Brooks. Mike was an avid sportsman and woodsman, working many years in logging and heavy equipment operations.

He loved the outdoors, four wheeling and fishing. He loved his children, family and friends. He was also an avid

historian and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others.

Mike was well known for his honesty, hunting expertise, being a good friend to all and helping anyone in need. In the rare event that someone irritated him, his philosophy was "He's OK, as long as he doesn't come here."

Michael was the Gate Keeper for the McMann Road, watching out for his many dear friends here. His dog "Girl" was jokingly referred to as the "Toll Troll" by Scott McMann, because she wouldn't move out of the road unless she got food.

Mike was predeceased in death by his father and a younger brother, Jeremy Stone.

Mike is survived by his mother, his son Travis York of Locke Mills, Maine; his daughter Kim Savoie of Stratford; his half-sister Jana Whitney of Lancaster; his brothers David of Stratford and Florida; Brian and wife Tammy of Bloomfield, Vermont and Bradley of Stratford; his Uncle Sam Stone of Stratford, a special niece Manda of Stratford and Florida; his beloved dog "Girl" and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

A private viewing for family was held on Saturday, September 17 at the Armstrong Charron Funeral Home in Groveton.

On Saturday September 24 at noon, there will be a Celebration of Mike's Life at Guy Young's garage on McMann Road.

In lieu of flowers one may donate to a charity of one's choice.

To sign the online guest book or for directions to the Celebration of Life, one may go to, www.armstrongcharronfuneralhome.com

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Maternal grandparents are Percy and Marcia Monk of Mason Twp.

Paternal grandparents are Harold and Laurie Gray of Penobscot.

Colton joins big sister, Ryan Carley, 3.

Erin Collins and John Cooley of West Bethel announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Rose Cooley, born on Aug. 22, 2011 at Rumford Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Juliana Collins of Greenwood, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Sally and John Cooley of Enfield, Conn., and Barbara and Carl Brown of Longmeadow, Mass.

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Love to All,
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